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ENVIRONMENT STATISTICS

(Agenda item 5)

1. The Commission considered item 5 of its agenda at its 486th meeting, on 12 February 1997. It had before it the following documents: the report of the Task Force on Environment Statistics (E/CN.3/1997/6, annex); the report of the Secretary-General on assessment of the work of the inter-agency task forces established by the Statistical Commission in relation to their mandates (E/CN.3/1997/24); and a background note prepared by the United Nations Secretariat on high-priority programmes and activities in environment statistics.

Action taken by the Commission

2. The Commission:

(a) Stressed that the future work of the Task Force on Environment Statistics should focus on improved coordination of its programmes and activities;

(b) Considered basic environment statistics to be of the highest priority, followed by environmental indicators and accounting;

(c) Stressed the need to develop a closer linkage between environmental indicators and environmental accounting;

(d) Welcomed the proposal by the United Nations Statistics Division to collaborate with the London Group on the revision of the System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA);

(e) Endorsed the establishment of a computer bulletin board system for sharing information on technical cooperation activities.